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## Daily Biblical Quotation

December 31.

Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Phil. iii. 13, 14.

Yet I argue not. Against Heaven's hand or will, nor bate a jot of heart or hope, but still bear up and steer Right onward.—J. Milton.

## MR. WILSON'S STEEL BOX.

Official Washington is terrifically concerned over a mysterious strong box. It comes about through the publication of a story which avers that Woodrow Wilson is preparing to make public certain data and information which has reposed in his "steel box" ever since his return from Versailles.

It is explained that these secret personal papers have to do with minutes of the various secret meetings of the Big Five at Versailles and various other matters relating to that stirring period in the nation's history and Mr. Wilson's administration.

Inevitably official Washington is wondering how Mr. Wilson, who was abroad on the nation's business exclusively, could consider such papers his own personal property, could bring himself to take them from the public archives at the state department, and can now bring himself to publish them since it is a matter of record that he denied having any memoranda of the kind when the senate foreign affairs committee conferred with him at the white house during the senate debates on the covenant.

Official Washington is silly to discuss any of the idiosyncrasies of the gentleman who went abroad and signed papers "in his own name and by his own proper authority." Official Washington should concern itself only with the event itself.

If Woodrow Wilson has a "steel box" filled with official documents vitally affecting the foreign policy of this government and calculated to throw much light on a chapter of our history that needs illuminating, he has the steel box. That is about all that can be said of it—at this time. When he publishes the contents, then the senate will have its opportunity to pay its full respects to the gentleman who took away secret files in order to protect his "own name and proper authority."

We shall watch for the denouement with no little interest. Many men professing intimate relations with the ex-president have assumed to speak for him in the belief, evidently, that they were doing him and his reputation a distinct service. So far the picture has only grown darker. If only Woodrow Wilson will dip into his "steel box" and his dark-chamber memory and begin speaking for himself!

## TESTING PUBLIC OPINION.

The straw vote season is here. Here and there over the state individuals and newspapers are sounding out the public concerning its choice for governor. After one such undertaking the Bristow Record, democrat, reports as follows:

If a straw vote taken over the state would show the same results as one taken by the Record this week, Judge Thomas F. Owen, democrat, and John Fields, republican, would oppose each other for the office of governor in the next election. Owen polled more than any other democratic choice named, but the naming of Fields was a landslide, only nine of the 20 votes being cast for others. Twenty representative democratic and republican, of all professions, occupations, and stations in life, were consulted in the straw vote. It was not required that they name some man who has definitely put his "hat in the ring," but merely a man of their party they would prefer to see as the next governor.

Not absolutely convincing, to be sure, but unquestionably interesting and significant. The Record further explains that Mayor Walton of Oklahoma City stood second, while Charles N. Haskell of New York, Campbell Russell of Muskogee county, T. P. Gore and E. B. Howard also ran.

Among the republicans, Dr. Hugh Scott, Alva J. Niles and Charles Schwabe also ran, although Fields' vote was double all the others combined.

When, a few weeks ago, The World published an editorial calling attention to the fact that public opinion was crystallizing behind Judge Owen and Mayor Walton, of the democratic candidates; and behind John Fields and James Harris of the republicans, there was much scoffing and ribald hilarity. A section of the democratic press immediately charged The World with an attempt to dictate the candidates of both parties.

The straw vote above considered in detail is in line with every other effort to gauge public opinion. The World ventures the opinion that a straw vote be taken in any county in the state—in any section of any county in the state—would show practically the same trend as the straw vote taken by the Bristow Record, Owen and Walton would compete for leadership among democratic candidates while Fields would command an overwhelming lead among republicans.

All of this, we think, will become increasingly clear as the weeks of the new year slip away and we get into the campaign in earnest.

## GETTING READY FOR ANOTHER SHAKEDOWN.

Oklahoma should begin getting ready for another shakedown. Still another class of citizens want to nose their way to the public eye. A state appropriation to supplement a federal appropriation is now being urged through a questionable—damnable word growing out of demagogic thought!

The Muskogee Times-Democrat is sending out this questionable to receptive candidates. Its main feature is a commitment with reference to the Shepard-Towney maternity bill. Candidates are asked if they favor this bill and if they will favor Oklahoma making an appropriation to enable it to resolve the federal aid along this line. More hospitals and things! More inspectors, investigators, commissions, boards and other impediments at the expense of the all but God-forsaken taxpayer of this commonwealth!

All candidates—that is all democratic candidates—are valuable in their professions of admiration for the maternity bill, and most of them pledge themselves to a state appropriation in the event of their election.

Among the number confessing attachment to the Shepard-Towney maternity bill is our own E. B. Howard, gubernatorial candidate. "If I been re-elected to congress I would have voted for the bill" writes Howard. "And if elected governor I will demand a state appropriation to enable Oklahoma to participate in the federal fund provided."

Thank God Howard wasn't re-elected to congress! That confession of his justifies all that has happened to him. We like the man—as a neighbor and a social friend. But when he commits himself by the questionable route to another impossible, idealistic, impractical raid on the public treasury of this sorely tried state, we quit. It ought to defeat him for the gubernatorial nomination as it will certainly defeat any man for election to that office even if nominated. Leecraft and Bolen have likewise disqualified themselves.

The World will support no man for high official position who avowedly is playing ducks and drakes with the taxpayers' money!

## DROPPING A HOT POKER.

If we were permitted to venture an opinion concerning the celebrated Ardmore investigation and prosecution, which we are not, we would say that General Freeling and associates had found the poker a bit too hot for comfort and had dropped it.

The hearings were very abruptly closed. Some of the men charged with murder are out on bond, against some of them the charges have been dismissed, while in still other cases nominal bonds were accepted without any evidence being offered.

At any rate the case, which was fast becoming embarrassing to an ever increasing number of influential people, is ended for the time being. Time is a great healer. The sensation of today dwindles rapidly; the grief of the hour fades as the days pass until even a recollection of it acts as balm.

Oklahoma will probably hear mighty little more about the Ardmore murder pasture. Next year is campaign year and we are going to be busy with our little ambitions. Now if somebody will kindly spring another sensation in some other direction he will render vast assistance.

## THE SACCO-VANZETTI CASE.

Judge Thayer has at last ruled on the application of counsel for a new trial in the case of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, the Italians convicted in a Massachusetts court of murder in the first degree. This case resulted in widespread protests for reprisal against organized government and aroused world-wide hostility in radical circles against the United States.

In overruling the motion for a new trial Judge Thayer pointed out that no trial was ever more carefully safeguarded and that the jury had arrived at its verdict in a regular and legitimate manner. Whether the decision will arouse a new outburst against this country by the radicals of the world remains to be seen.

Diplomacy is a queer thing. World statesmen have been lamenting the inability of the Chinese and Japanese to get together on a satisfactory working basis. But suppose they do? Think what a perfect rapprochement between these two oriental tribes may mean to world affairs!

## Just Folks

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## THE OLD YEAR

I heard the Old Year talking, and he seemed to say to me:  
 "I'm what mankind has made me, not what I hoped to be.  
 I did not bring the failures, my days were bright and new.  
 I was the time allotted—the work was man's to do."

"I am what others made me, I had no will or choice.  
 Through all the days of trial I was not given a voice.  
 If victory came, man earned it—his was the faith and power;  
 If sorrow came, God sent it—I furnished but the hour."

"I came here empty-handed, a year that was to be.  
 And what I am in passing mankind has made of me.  
 I am their petty failures, their glory, their success,  
 I am their souls' advancement, their shame and happiness."

"I was not born in evil nor governed by the stars,  
 I brought to none high honors, to others ugly scars;  
 Only my days were numbered, I was the time for toil,  
 And each has reaped the harvest as he has tilled the soil."

"I am what men have made me, not what I hoped to be.  
 And so shall be the New Year which soon shall follow me.  
 Our days are good or evil, as each man serves and strives,  
 For years are but the records on which men write their lives."

## Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON

It is just about getting so in this country that a fire is rated as a loss instead of an asset.

Sometimes even the almanac gets fooled. There has been more moonshine during Christmas week than the almanac called for.

Kansas City comes forward with an 8-year-old girl who coughed up a dime two days before Christmas. A case of getting off light.

For a man who has political ambitions, Attorney General Freeling asked a lot of pointed questions at that Ardmore investigation the other day.

Just because this columnist accepted an invitation to exhibit dinner the other evening is not sufficient evidence to sustain the charge of timidity.

A news story says an application has been made for appointment of a receiver for the K. K. K. Klan. Just try and imagine the joy of the receiver in trying to reconcile the assets and liabilities of an invisible empire.

The McAlister News-Capital notes that each meal served at the floor at a Century club dinner in Durant the other evening and guinea it was done for the purpose of making the chickens feel at home.

Look that never happens, paragraph from the Kansas City Star: "Perhaps after all the best luck a man can hope for in this world is for his worn out horse supporters to break within a block of a men's furnishing store."

We overheard a man at a lunch counter the other day telling about the different ways his friends at the big hotel where he stops tried to help him celebrate the death of his wife. He says he turned them all down because they lacked the proper kick.

## Touchstones of Success

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## BRINGS RECOGNITION AND REWARD.

By FREDERICK BURR OPPER.

New Rochelle, N. Y.

Artist.

I will pass over the fact that it is an audacious thing for a man to assume that he is successful. I don't assume it in my own case. I only know that my efforts have met with fairly good fortune and that the world has treated me as well, I think, as I deserve, perhaps better. As a country boy I had to begin working early—not picture work, of course, but the tasks that usually fall to the lot of such a boy, saving and piling wood, splitting kindling, making fires, shoveling snow, running errands, and a little later employment in a village store and then in a village printing office. It did not take me long to learn that about the pleasantest feeling one can have is the satisfaction of having finished a piece of work and having done it as well as one could. This bit of knowledge has helped me in all the after years.

Another good time in my life was when I realized that a man should be his own master, not the slave of his work. He should know when to drop work long enough to give his mind and body change and relaxation. One other thing has benefited me and that is the conviction that the world is on the whole, ready and willing to give us about what we are really entitled to, and if we don't get all we would like to get it is because we don't merit it. I don't believe there is any unrecognized talent or unrecognized genius. "There ain't no such animal."

## Barometer of Public Opinion

The Washington Conference.

Editor World: The Washington conference is considering poison gas and the submarine. It seems probable that they should do other than stamp their uncompromising disapproval upon both. These two agencies are outlawed by all reasonable rules of a fight. They are worse than the most shocking and unbecoming of savage warfare. The use of these methods brought Germany under the condemnation of the civilized world.

If nations are unwilling to settle their differences without a fight, if they must fight, then let them fight fair—and I would suggest that if any nation feels that honor forbids that they sit down at a table and search out the most just and reasonable solution of their differences, it would be a thousand times better for each to let their best men and have them fight it out in the squared circle according to the rules.

With the nations of the world now exhausting their ingenuity to raise taxes to sustain the bankrupt treasuries caused by war, it would seem to be a very practical thing to substitute the squared circle for the battlefield in all cases where a reasonable agreement cannot be reached.

Very respectfully,  
 Suptula, Dec. 24, WM. M. JENKINS.

From Congressman Kahn.

Editor World: Your editorial in the Tulsa Daily World of December 9, regarding the soldier bonus legislation has been received. I have read the article with a great deal of interest.

For your information, I wish to say that I voted against the bill in the last congress, and I stand absolutely with President Harding and Secretary Mellon on the proposition.

When this country begins to look upon a monetary army to defend its rights, we have come to a sorry day in the history of the republic.

Thanking you for your courtesy in sending the editorial to me, I am,  
 Very truly yours,  
 Washington, Dec. 17, JULIUS KAHN.

## Information Wanted.

Editor World: I am just an ordinary, big-headed, half-witted, sort of fellow, and like supposed to know very much, and would like to find out if any of my more fortunate brothers had the opportunity to attend the little red schoolhouse more than I did, explain a few things to me that I cannot understand clearly. Why do they have a lot of wild stories about starving Russia and our people contribute thousands of dollars annually to Russia, China, in fact all European countries, when they are in worse shape as we are here in America, just as good shape as people right in your town and my town, hundreds of them, that their children are stunted from malnutrition and cannot attend school on account of not having sufficient clothing to keep them warm? I can show you lots of them right close to you. Just look around once and when you see a little ragged, dirty, street urchin, tell him to take you home with him and see for yourself.

There are boat loads of clothing and food supplies floating the docks of New York every day and people by the thousands looking on and shivering and hungry. I spent about one year in the A. E. F. in Russia and I mean I have ever eaten what was in an old Russian peasant's house that was supposed to be as poor as "Job's turkey." We soldiers were eating canned monkey meat, hard tack, black coffee and paying our dear friends of the Y. M. C. A. God bless them, for Camel cigarettes. I can back up anything I say if any of these birds doubt this. You can't tell anything about when a foreigner is in need, I have had them come begging for money and food and I have had them more money hidden in their belts than I ever saw before.

So if you want to help anyone, slip one of those little hungry shivering kids in your coat, a little piece of change and let him go out. D. P. C.  
 Okmulgee, Dec. 24, 413 South Central St.

## JUST AS SHE IS GETTING IRELAND QUIETED DOWN

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## 'Congratulating the Bride'

By NORA COLE SKINNER.

"I was remarked before, but it'll bear repeating again—why not congratulate the bride?"

Every once in awhile if one reads the "Do and Don'ts" book of polite society, she sees funny things that she wonders who she should congratulate. Why on earth the customs advocated are ever followed.

Only the other day I read in a paper (and I had always known it), but most "pure, sweet" girls will insist that there are plenty who are, and surely they are right.

As long as a boy or a man is living and thinking a clean, happy life, he is just as fine and just as worthy as the most delicate and refined girl. I knew of a high minded, noble thinking man who proposed to a girl who did not naturally hurt and told me that she felt that "any girl of refined mature should feel honored that a man should choose her above all others in the world, as the one he wanted for his wife."

Certainly no greater compliment can a man bestow, and this sister seemed to be the girl's refusal, but the manner of receiving his sincere message.

This congratulating custom should be divided pretty evenly. Often both, sometimes the groom alone, sometimes only the bride, deserves it, but if the bride can be congratulated with truth—try it, no matter what the "don't" book says, and see if it doesn't make her radiate happiness.

Seldom does a girl marry unless she believes she is marrying the one man in the world for her. She has met many, she has made her comparisons, she has made her choice. If her heart and her head have worked wisely and she has chosen a worthy man—she is to be congratulated.

A girl has to do the choosing of her life all alone. Of course there are always plenty of people standing by wanting to help, but in the end she goes it alone and makes her selection according to something that tells her "he's the man."

At their wedding, if the groom's boss who has known him from childhood says: "Mary, I congratulate you on choosing John, you'll never regret it"—what's wrong?

She ought to feel like embracing him for approving of her John and her judgment.

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## The Young Lady Across the Way

The young lady across the way says she can't expect law or taxes until we build our armaments on a strictly competitive basis.

## Destroy Roulette Wheel.

Special to The World.

KINGFISHER, Dec. 30.—A roulette wheel said to be worth \$750 was destroyed today by a deputy sheriff. It was confiscated at Wynona by federal officers in a raid made about 13 months ago, and since then has been stored in the courthouse in Pawhuska. It was destroyed by the order of the county attorney, C. K. Templeton.

An electrically operated can opener that cuts out their tops has a capacity of 12 cans a minute.

## THE NEW GENERATION

By Jane Phelps

## CHAPTER XLIII.

Mrs. Walter Urges Margaret to Dress Becomingly.

"While it amused her, Margaret also felt a bit worried because of Joan's confession. She laughed when she thought of the name she had applied to the stately Mrs. Thompson, then grew more serious when she recalled Joan's naive manner of deciding whether she liked Ted or Malcolm the better. But she could only watch and await developments. Joan was always popular. Her freedom of speech and matter-of-fact breeziness, her familiarity with outdoor sports made her a much sought companion of the young people; both boys and girls. Margaret knew she had made her idyllic boast when she said she was bound to be popular in college.

But the idea of an engagement ring having a "moral aspect" the serious way Joan had spoken was really too ridiculous. And yet in a way she had been right. She had meant that owing really to some one person might keep her from being too friendly with others. Margaret knew the working of her daughter's mind so well that she could now almost reason from Joan's standpoint—forgetting her own ideas on any subject they discussed.

Ted, being a house guest, was dressed to breakfast. Margaret refused a smile as she saw his sulky face. But Joan seemed not to notice and chatted away as brightly as usual, making plans for the day. When you do dress as you would like to, and a little impromptu dance at Gloria Freeman's would fill the time pleasantly. They were sitting on the porch.

## Benny's Notebook

The Park Ave. News.

Weather. Mixed.  
 Sports. A lollipop sucking contest took place last Thursday on Puda Simkins' front steps to see who could make theirs last the longest without stopping sucking. Sid Hunt, winning by making his last a hour and 47 minutes but some of the other fellows claiming a fowl on account of Sid's lollipop being lickerish and easy to suck along on account of him not liking lickerish. 2nd, Benny Potts, a hour and 32 minutes, raspberry, and 3rd, Sam Cross, a hour and 22 minutes, lemon. Ed Wernick timekeeper.

All Depends on Wars.  
 Home by Skinny Martin.

I drew a pig with my eyes shut. It had a tale and all. But my mother couldn't appreciate its beauty.

Because I drew it on the paper in the hall.

Slightly. Mr. Artie Alexander spent the week end at his aunt and uncle's house, more because he had to than because he wanted to.

We spoil your tongue when you don't haff to? We will lick your stamps for you and then mail the letters. Special rates this month. The Lew Davis and Ed Wernick Stamp Licking Co. (Advertisement.)

Lost and Found. Not so far.

Forbids Signs on Poles.  
 Special to The World.

PONCA CITY, Dec. 30.—An ordinance has been enacted by the city commissioners that prohibits signs on sidewalks or telephone poles, within the city limit, that advertise picture shows, football or other athletics, or any other amusements. The painting or writing of any kind of a sign on a sidewalk is especially prohibited and a fine is imposed for violation.

Ever the time we think of prohibition we recall the classic lines spoken by George Harris, the fugitive slave, back in the fifties, when he drew his wife, Eliza, to his bosom and said: "The brave, darlin', we'll soon be safe on the Canadian side." Mrs. Tilford Moots' niece that was engaged to a brakeman has switched to a marine.

## The Horoscope

The stars incline but do not compel. Copyright, 1921, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.

Saturday, December 31, 1921.

This should be a fortunate day according to astrology, for Saturn, principal ruler of the sign Capricorn, is in benefic aspect. Early in the morning the background is favorable.

Agriculture comes under a favorable planetary government today, making for better transportation facilities for crops and wider markets.

While the winter may cause heavy losses to stock and may extend far into the spring months, there should be improvement in prices for producers.

This is a day read as peculiarly favorable to hopes and desires of the aged who should enjoy the respect and reverence of relatives and friends.

As the year and the stars seem to preface access of interest in material things and concern regarding the men of livelihood.

Anxiety relating to money at this time may appear to take precedence in the mind, thus putting spiritual matters in the background for a time, but there is to be a great awakening of the public conscience.

Labor again has a promising direction of the stars and mines and mining affairs should benefit.

The stars indicate heavy travel on the railroads and the possibility of a serious accident.

Saturn is in a place supposed to encourage the acquisition of real estate and the buying of homes.

Uranus today warns against unpopular reforms that may cause party splits, but the planets forecast the success of those that are really efficacious.

Organized forces will combat more than one forward movement in the coming year and women's enter national campaigns for better living. It is prophesied.

Grave scandals will be uncovered in the coming year, so frequently that there will be a national protest against ignoble deeds too long ignored.

Astrologers predict for the coming year great events that will make permanent many radical changes in the world and the United States is to pass through a "fiery ordeal," the seers prophesy.

Persons whose birthdate it is have the aury of a steady and successful year. Those who are employed will benefit.

Children born on this day may be high strung and quick tempered, but endowed with many talents. Those subjects of Capricorn should be successful in whatever they undertake.

Bones Broken in Food Grinder.  
 Special to The World.

KINGFISHER, Dec. 30.—The little four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Schoelen of near Kingfisher met with a very serious accident Thursday evening. Mr. Schoelen was grinding some feed and the child caught his foot and leg in the grinder, breaking the bones and badly tearing the flesh on the leg.

Observing the Anniversary.  
 Special to The World.

Parson (to villager on the subject of his wife's illness)—But, Daniel, why wait till Tuesday week before sending for the doctor?

Daniel—Well, sure, it'll be forty year come before—Panch, London, 'er 'ad un before—Panch, London.

## Abe Martin

No Distilling or Hunting Allowed on This Farm

"No, not quite that! But it seems rather silly for the mother of a grown up girl to dress young, doesn't it?"

"Now you are hitting me! Why silly for a girl's mother more than a boy's? Ted is older than Joan, nearly a year. But I do not intend to look old enough to be his mother if I can help it, proud as I am of you. Then Joan would be so proud of you if you made the most of yourself. Children are wonderfully impressionable to flattery when applied to their parents by their playmates."

"And just as sensitive if derogatory remarks are made." Margaret slowly returned, thinking of Joan's objections to her wearing old-fashioned clothes, to her acquaintance with Craig Forrester, because of what she feared the children might say.

"Yes, but promise me you won't dress a little younger. I hate to see you always in dull colors, and plain materials."

"I promise, if it will please you," Margaret replied.

(To Be Continued)